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**Letter dated 7 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the Government of Zimbabwe's rejection of humanitarian assistance, issued on 7 November 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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## Annex to the letter dated 7 November 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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## Statement on the Government of Zimbabwe's rejection of humanitarian assistance, issued on 7 November 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union notes the statement on Zimbabwe issued by the United Nations Secretary-General on 31 October.

The European Union shares the United Nations concerns over the grave humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe caused by the Operation Murambatsvina ("Drive out trash") evictions. Like the Secretary-General, it is dismayed that the Government of Zimbabwe has not accepted the urgent humanitarian needs set out in the report of the Secretary-General's Special Envoy, and has declined aid for those Zimbabweans left homeless and destitute by recent events.

The European Union calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to work with the United Nations and the international community to get aid and shelter to those in need as a result of Operation Murambatsvina. It urges the Government of Zimbabwe to implement all the recommendations in the Special Envoy's report. The European Union reiterates its call on Zimbabwe to respect human rights, in particular as expressed in the report of the Secretary-General's Special Envoy on human settlement issues in Zimbabwe.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

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* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.